

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: August 2, 2010
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 1127
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BILL SUMMARY: Veterans: Ailments from Various Conflicts

This bill would require the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to make specific Internet and printed material related to veteran ailments available to family members of veterans returning from active duty.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The CDVA indicates costs associated with making specific Internet and printed material related to veteran ailments available to veteran family members likely would be minor and absorbable.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the May 18, 2010 version are minor and do not alter our position. Recent amendments would require the CDVA to prominently display (on its website) a link to the Network of Care for Veterans and Service Members site, in addition to making other clarifying changes.

COMMENTS

Existing law establishes the CDVA within state government and sets forth its powers and duties, including (but not limited to) administration of veterans benefits programs.

This bill would require the CDVA to provide Internet resources and printed material on the signs of specified ailments to family members of returning veterans at public functions of the department. The information on ailments would include, but not be limited to, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. This bill also would require Internet resources to provide links to the appropriate agency or person that can help address issues arising from the specified ailments, including a prominently displayed link (on the CDVA website) to the Network of Care for Veterans and Service Members site.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
8950/Dept VetsAFF	SO	No	-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----					0001

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